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In the application of

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RECYCLING APPARATUS
AND METHOD

Examiner: EILEEN P. MORGAN

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 10, 2003, Applicants, through their attorney, reply as follows:

The Examiner has entered a Requirement for Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 requiring Applicants to elect either the invention of claims 1-10, inclusive, drawn to a method and apparatus for recovering abrasive from a slurry, classified in class 451, subclass 88, the invention of claims 11 and 12, drawn to recovering slurry from a sump, classified in class 210, subclass 634 or the invention of claim 13, drawn to separating metals from grit, classified in class 75, subclass 403.

In view of this Requirement, Applicants hereby elect method and apparatus claims 1-10, inclusive, for further prosecution in this application, it being understood that

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claims 11-13, inclusive, will be held in abeyance pending the timely filing of a divisional application thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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